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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), EG

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR

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(A) INTERNATIONAL AID TO EGYPT;

(B) YOUR DISCUSSION OF THE AMOCO DRILLING RIG MATTER WITH ALLON;

(C) THE EGYPTIAN REACTION TO STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES LAST NIGHT ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND THE ARAB BOYCOTT.

2. GHORBAL ASKED FOR CANDID ADVICE ON WHAT THE GOE SHOULD BE DOING TO OBTAIN MORE FINANCIAL SUPPORT. I REVIEWED ALL WE HAD DONE TO OPEN DOORS FOR THE EGYPTIANS WITH PROSPECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS. I FRANKLY TOLD HIM OF CASE AFTER CASE IN WHICH THE EGYPTIANS HAD NOT FOLLOWED
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PENDING SINCE JUNE, THIS AGREEMENT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY
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HOWEVER, I PLEDGED OUR CONTINUING SUPPORT IN THIS CRUCIAL
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